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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 10, 11 and 13 are pending. Claims 1, 10 and 11 have been amended. Claim 13 is new. Claim 12 has been canceled. Claims 3-9 are canceled pursuant to a restriction requirement. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute any withdrawn, canceled or deleted subject matter in other related patent applications. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate a specific embodiment previous embodied in claim 2. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to reflect the amendments to claim 1. Claim 13 was added as an independent claim and replaces claim 12.

**Conclusion**

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested. It is, thus, respectfully requested that claims 1, 10, 11 and 13 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6672.

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